

Minutes Vecinos Akumal Meeting Board August 16, 2022

1. Call to order

2. Roll Call

President	Roy Daniel Freeman II
Vice President	Helmie Atarie
Secretary	Monica Estrada
Treasurer	Tandy Muir-Warden
Vocals	Ingrid Datica George Pritchard Peter Swenson Beryl Van Lierop

3. Approval of previous board's meeting minutes

President's Report

Committee Reports

a) Government Ingrid Datica

Ingrid asked Dan for the letter he agreed on our last Government Committee meeting to be sent out to the community to raise money for the Legalization Project. She is aware that instead a letter has been sent out to some community members for August 19, 2022 and the Government Committee had not been invited. Dan explained nothing is official that he reached out to some community leaders Terry Richardson and Lisa Wilson for August 23 meeting for finance support. The purpose is to review and add the summary notes about the project.

There is lack of communication, Ingrid as Chair of Committee needs to be aware and invited to any meeting regarding Government.

Ivan Hernandez suggests comments like Peter Swenson's profile should be on websites and social media and negative information should be removed:

****Vecinos de Akumal Norte AC (Website) text****

*****When purchasing a property in Akumal Norte is important to understand that the government classifies Akumal Norte as an unfinished development. This means that the municipality does very little if anything to build and maintain the infrastructure needed to support a fully functioning community.**

Vote for phase 2 of the project and Ivan's services. \$60,000 pesos per month for the next 6 months.

Vote: unanimously for the record.

b) Finance Tandy Muir-Warden

Any Forecast for this month let Finance Committee know.

Tandy mentioned Jorge reports indicates maintenance in the Pluma but it does not says how much \$. For now, Pluma only needs Yellow Tags.

Member management software, Neil is looking into it.

Peter suggests to do a list of all the other initiatives to get our highest priority.

c) Charter Tandy Muir-Warden

Board voted Unanimously for most of the Proposed By Laws Changes (see attached) and most are not noted here. Those voted no or requested for review/more information/discussion are noted below.

Whether membership is transferable

Membership may pass to spouse/civil partner on death provided that required documents are presented for review.

On the sale of a property, the associated Membership (if applicable) may be transferred to the new owner at no cost provided that the required documents are presented for review
Membership Transferable will need to be take back to the Committee

New articles suspension or termination of voting rights and reinstatement Board votes to remove *if no participation in meetings for 3 years*

When does board membership begin

In order to add a transition period, we need to clarify that “date of appointment” is different from date of election meeting. A transition period of 6 weeks is desirable.

Board voted transition period should be not more than 30 days.

Article 17 Board - residents

Revise paragraph “majority to be fulltime residents” to include “whenever possible”
The President and Vice president must be full-time residents of Akumal during the period of their appointment and the majority of the board members must whenever possible be full time residents of Akumal. (note we have not changed to Akumal Norte but could consider adding the adjacent areas of the Municipality of Solidaridad that were formerly part of Akumal) Board voted to add the adjacement areas of Municipality of Solidaridad if possible

New article Founding members

Create Founding Life members category (Henning and Jamie) in recognition of their work creating the Association, giving the right to speak at all meetings but no vote and no dues (donations only)

Board feels that both founding life members should have a least one vote/However if life members agree to no vote rights Dan needs a letter of agreement given by them. Not actioned at this time

Honorary membership

Amendment in February 2022 is subject to review. Proposal is that “honorary members” will be non-voting, non-paying membership fee or dues and are appointed by the board by invitation only.

Boards vote unanimously in favour.

Other Items- no amendment proposed

Converted membership

Amendment in February 2022 is subject to review. Lawyer confirms conversion provision is valid, however there is some support among membership for deleting this provision.

Board feels there should be a consultation with the Lawyer about reviewing the provision.
Board members feel converted members have dedicated more time and work over the years

than other members. Board feels converted members have done a good job and should remain as converted members without review since is working for the Board. Also review should wait until February 2023. Lawyer agrees that Helmie and Monica appointments continue for 2 yrs.

New classes of membership

Separate classes of membership could be added, some would require a Bylaw change others, such as "Friends of Vecinos," could be created by the Board. No action has been proposed at this time, but in response to the government committee's perceived need for greater community involvement we may wish to re-consider

(To pursue with lawyer and note fiscal id requirement)

- d) Communications Lynda Kerney (not present)
- e) Sargazo George Pritchard
HMB Sargaso Committee Raised around \$350,000.00 usd,
Is there a MIA?(Semarnat Approval on site is not really a permit, no contract since there is not enough money.)
- f) Project Management & Maintenance George Pritchard
- g) Membership Dan Freeman
- h) Security Rocio Cue
Pluma Jorge Gonazalez
Guardia Nacional Rocio Cue

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- 1.) Reports to be discussed by the board should be mailed to all board members 5 working days.
- 2.) Board meeting dates will be announced at least 10(ten) days